



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

City of Hammond, IN

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Hammond supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot and additional funding for assessments at brownfields properties to be used for greenspace purposes. Hammond (population 181,000) is in an industrial area in Northwest Indiana that includes the George Lake watershed, one of the few remaining natural areas in the region. George Lake is surrounded by several former industrial facilities of environmental concern, including the Federated Metals hazardous waste dumpsite, the Amoco Oil Company research center, the Union Carbide Company disposal site, and the Bairstow site, a 97-acre former steel mill slag waste dump. The population in this severely impacted area is 45 percent minority.

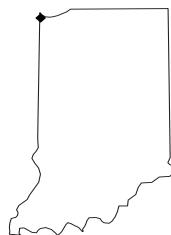
The city's goal is to restore the George Lake watershed to retain and enhance natural open spaces and provide recreational opportunities for the community. The city has completed the first phase of its Watershed Restoration Project, construction of a 9-hole youth golf course and driving range on 46 acres of the Bairstow site. Most of the funding from the original pilot was spent on site work plans and investigations in support of the first phase of the George Lake Watershed Restoration Project. The second phase of this project will be the development of a full-sized 18-hole golf course.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The supplemental funding will be used to continue Phase I, II, and III site assessments of the properties that will be used for the planned 18-hole golf course. The properties include wooded areas along the eastern and northeastern shores of the North Basin, sections of the former Amoco Research Center, and other shops and warehouse buildings.

The greenspace funding will be used to conduct assessments and develop a land-use plan for the 98 acres

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*City of Hammond,
Indiana*

Date of Announcement:
May 2002

Amount: \$ 150,000

Greenspace: \$ 50,000

Profile: The Pilot will conduct assessments in support of planning for construction of a golf course, restoration of fish and bird habitats, and enhancement of biking and hiking trails within the North Basin of the George Lake Watershed.

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of recently acquired land within and adjoining the North Basin of George Lake. Through extensive community outreach efforts, the city is developing plans to restore fish and bird habitats and enhance biking and hiking trails within the North Basin. Assessments conducted with greenspace funding will support the development of a North Basin Watershed Management Plan.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Preparing work plans, site-specific sampling plans, health and safety plans, and addenda to the existing Quality Assurance Project Plan;
- Conducting Phase I, II, and III environmental site assessments on 10 discrete parcels covering a total of 38 acres;
- Conducting greenspace assessment activities and developing a land-use plan for the North Basin and shoreline parcels; and
- Conducting community outreach activities for both the second phase of this project and greenspace.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.